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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed December 27, 2004, in which a three-month period for response was set to expire on March 27, 2005. After granting the Request for a one-month extension of time, the response period will expire on April 27, 2005.

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